

Chan, Benjamin (SEC)

From: Jon Gerhardsen [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 24, 2024 9:35 PM
To: Gottfredsen, Jeffrey (SEC)
Cc: SEC-DL-PREWEB; Christine Wilda
Subject: Re: FW: Determination- SPR24/2173

Hello all,

From Galvin's guide:

There are no strict rules that govern the manner in which requests for public information should be made. Requests may be made in person or in writing. Written requests may be submitted in person, by mail, facsimile or email.⁶ A requestor must provide the RAO with a reasonable description of the desired information.⁷

The requestor is not required to provide any reason for making a request and, generally, the purpose of the request has no bearing on the public status of the record. All requestors must be treated the same with respect to the response to their requests. Given this, the requestor may not be required to identify himself or herself as a condition of obtaining access to the requested records

I narrowed my request by clarifying I was seeking only records of requests which were knowingly and intentionally made as public records requests under MGL 66 sec 10. If you require further clarification please let me know.

Best,
Jon

On Fri, Aug 23, 2024 at 10:50 AM Gottfredsen, Jeffrey (SEC) <Jeffrey.Gottfredsen@sec.state.ma.us> wrote:

Good afternoon Mr. Gerhardsen,

Thank you for your email.

As noted in the determination letter, you are encouraged to provide the University with clarification regarding the requested records.

Regards,

Jeff Gottfredsen

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From: Manning, Michael (SEC) <Michael.Manning@sec.state.ma.us>
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 12:29
To: Gottfredsen, Jeffrey (SEC) <Jeffrey.Gottfredsen@sec.state.ma.us>
Subject: FW: Determination- SPR24/2173

From: Jon Gerhardson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 12:28 PM
To: Manning, Michael (SEC) <Michael.Manning@sec.state.ma.us>
Subject: Re: Determination- SPR24/2173

Hi, just following up on this.

On Wed, Aug 14, 2024, 1:22 PM Jon Gerhardson [REDACTED] wrote:

Michael, I tried calling but you were maybe out to lunch. I'm confused by this determination. I did limit my scope. I excluded, e.g. a student asking a teacher for their grades (many teachers share administrative roles and it's not infeasible one could be a department head). Is your argument that I am seeking too much information from this well-resourced institution of higher learning? In asking for a further limitation of scope, I believe UMass could conceivably be trying to, by process of elimination; via proxy, ask the reason for my request [is that correct semicolon usage?]. If I must further limit the scope please advise how much. Thanks.

-Jon

On Wed, Aug 14, 2024 at 12:08 PM Manning, Michael (SEC) <Michael.Manning@sec.state.ma.us> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

Please be aware, the Supervisor of Records has issued a determination relating to an appeal in which you were involved. This determination is attached and available online at:

<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/AppealsWeb/AppealsStatus.aspx>.

If you have any questions, please contact the Public Records Division at 617-727-2832 or pre@sec.state.ma.us.

Best,

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